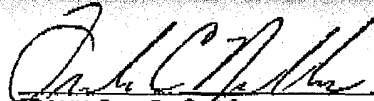


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number
NL010047 (7790/276)

In re Application of:	MICHEL M. J. DECRE, ET AL.	
Application Number:	10/052,384	Filed JANUARY 18, 2002
For	METHOD OF PRODUCING A TRACK ON A SUBSTRATE	
Group Art Unit:	1762	Examiner: PARKER, F.

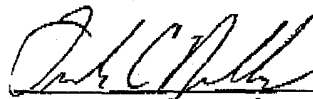
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to a Non-Final Office Action dated May 12, 2003 in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$ 110.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$ 1,970.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is \$ _____ | |

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | has already been filed in this application. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>50-1713</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |

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